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## PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :  
STRANDBERG et al. : Attention:  
Serial No. 09/926,340 : PCT Legal Office  
Filed: October 16, 2001 : Ms. Erin Pender  
For: FLUFF PULP FOR ABSORPTION PRODUCTS : Fax No: 703-308-6459

RESPONSE AND SUBMISSION OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to our telephone conversation this morning with respect to the Official Action dated November 9, 2001 which we did not receive, in connection with the above-identified application.

The Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.497(a) and (b) is required. Applicants submit herewith a properly and fully executed Declaration which identifies the application by serial number, title and PCT international application number. Please charge the fee in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for examination. Accordingly, Applicants most respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that an Official Filing Receipt be issued and that the application be forwarded to the appropriate examining group for its examination in due course.

Respectfully submitted,  
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<b>Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 USC 371</b>		<i>Attorney's Docket Number</i> <b>STRA3004/REF</b>
<i>International Application Number</i> <b>PCT/SE00/00715</b>	<i>International Filing Date</i> <b>April 14, 2001</b>	<i>U.S. Application Number</i> <b>09/926,340</b>
		<i>Priority Date Claimed</i> <b>April 16, 1999</b>
<i>Title of Invention</i> <b>FLUFF PULP FOR ABSORPTION PRODUCTS</b>		
<i>Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US</i> <b>STRANDBERG et al.</b>		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items under 35 USC 371:

1.  This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)). ( Executed  Unexecuted)
3.  A copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905 dated: \_\_\_\_\_
4.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
5.  An assignment document for recording.  
A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
6.  A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.  
 A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
7.  A substitute specification.
8.  A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
9.  A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
10.  A Request for Refund.
11.  Surcharge in the amount of \$ 130.00.
12.  Assignment recordation fee of \$00.00.
13.  Processing fee of \$ for furnishing the English translation later than  20  30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 to cover the fees is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee to Deposit Account Number 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/16/2001
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/16/2001
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 10/16/2001
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 10/16/2001
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 10/16/2001
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 10/16/2001
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/16/2001



The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.*

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Thank you, BACON & THOMAS, PLLC.

**Message:**

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. As discussed this morning in our telephone conversation, we are enclosing the Form PCT/DO/EO/905, the Withdrawal of Previously Sent Notice, two copies of the Transmittal Letter Concerning Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, two copies of our Response and Submission of Missing Parts of Application and the executed Declaration. Please charge the \$130.00 surcharge to our deposit account #02-0200 as indicated in our response. Again, thank you for your assistance. If there is anything further needed, please let us know.